



# THE DEERSTALKER

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## PRESIDENTS REPORT

Giddy all,

Rain, rain go away. Man its been wet! I'm hearing that the forecast is for a drought this summer but it sounds pretty far fetched at the moment.

Committee has had a few things worthy of mention, first being that Steve Shaw has resigned from the position of Secretary. It will be a shame to see Steve go as he certainly has put a lot into the role, with considerable progress made. I want to personally thank Steve for all he has done in his role and recognise some of the highlights, especially the inclusion of the Withey System to National competition and the massive task of tidying up our Branch competition rules. The role certainly is the most pivotal of the executive and is also the most demanding. The position of Secretary will be made available immediately as I am acting in a temporary role here and I doubt I can do both justices. At National Conference I made contact with Stan Lowe of the BOP Branch. We discussed a few things, as I was very keen on picking his brain re a South Island branch hunt. BOP runs a very well coordinated Thar hunt with DOC support. Stan offered to have BOP Branch chaperone us for a first hunt into the Mt Cook region. They have some good contacts for helicopter operators as well as having all the other little bits and pieces sewn up that can make or break this type of trip. The planned date is 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov returning 11<sup>th</sup> to give a good 7 day hunt, with a days travel either side. Via DOC the hut fees should be waived as well as the landing concession for the chopper to facilitate our Thar "cull". Those of you who would like to go on this trip the short timing is going to be pretty critical and as I will not be able to go I am hoping someone can put their hand up as team leader on this one. We have also had one of our members (Rob Wallace) attend the last two DOC initiated meetings regarding the Ruahines and proposed cost cutting measures as outlined by Ken Mills at our July meeting. I am hoping Rob may be able to give the club a heads up regarding this but I understand the process is still evolving with further consultation planned. Dustin Murdock has taken the bull by the horns with our Sika data, and with a bit of assistance we hope to get assistance from National to provide funding to put this into a format that is beneficial to our members and hunters in general. We have formed a small sub-committee to advance this as we already have some pretty clever guys who can work with this data a lot better than most of us in committee ever could. We need to repair our boundary fence to keep our neighbours stock out (or in, depending on which side of the fence you're on). This will probably need a bit of manpower from the club to help clean up around the boundary and assist with the repair of the fence. I expect we will need to do a working bee soon with Hamish Tait and Grant Richards advising committee on the what and how to get this done. There also appears to be a local councillor who has been putting in some groundwork for the creation of a local rifle range. Its still early days but this certainly is a breath of fresh air for me. About time local government started to get involved with all of its community. Guys (and girls) we are also still desperate for your stories for the newsletter. With a few beers down most of you are capable off spinning some pretty good yarns. Why don't you have a go and put yourself into the draw for the chopper trip at the same time? Anyway look forward to seeing you next club night. We will have Bill O'Leary (National Vice President and National HUNTS co-ordinator) come speak with us this next meeting regarding the HUNTS course. This is something we would like to really get into and need to know what's involved in getting it set up and running in our branch. **Hot barrels.....James**

## EDITORS CORNER

MY CORNER IS SLOWLY GETTING SQUEEZED SO I WILL KEEP THIS SHORT AND SWEET. THIS WILL BE MY LAST NEWSLETTER AS EDITOR AS MEMBER TOM ALLAN AND HIS TEAM AT 'BAND' WILL BE TAKING OVER FROM NEXT MONTH. PUTTING THE NEWSLETTERS TOGETHER HAS BEEN ENJOYABLE BUT IT IS TIME FOR FRESH IDEAS & FORWARD THINKING AND I KNOW TOM WILL BE ABLE TO DELIVER. **LYNNE**

## Events Calendar September 2012

### Club Night

Wed 5th Sept. at 8.00pm.  
We have a guest speaker Bill O'Leary, Co-ordinator of the Hunts Courses. He will be talking about what our club needs to do to get on board. Info. Page 2

### Tataraakina Club Trip

14th, 15th & 16th September.  
6 blocks and approx. \$100 pp.  
Contact Malcolm for details on 8787795 or 0276227125.

### Committee Meeting

Wed 19th Sept. at 8.00pm

### Hastings Club Prizegiving and PotLuck Dinner

Saturday Sept 22nd details pg 2.

### Sika Show

29th & 30th Sept. Details page 2

## Up Coming Events

**E. Richards Shoot** – October (tba)

### South Island Tahr Trip

2nd - 9th Nov. Contact James 8765334/0272965523

### Tataraakina Club Trip

23rd-25th November -Contact Malcolm

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**Sika SHOW & COMPETITION**

**SEPTEMBER 29-30 2012**  
EVENTS CENTRE, TAUPO

**COMPETITION ENTRIES**  
Entry fee includes 2 days entry into the show  
Entry into the Photographic Competition is FREE with proof of purchase of Sika Show Entry Ticket

1st head	\$30
Additional Heads	\$10
Photographic Section	FREE

**ADULTS**

\$15 One day	\$20 Two days
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**CHILDREN**  
Must be accompanied by an adult

**FREE**  
Under 16

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## HUNTS COURSE INSTRUCTOR QUALIFICATION

The New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association Inc, promotes hunting as a lifetime outdoor sport through the **Hunter National Training Scheme (HUNTS)**. This training programme is conducted at branch level under the guidance of a national coordinator and is proudly sponsored by [Stoney Creek](#). The programme syllabus covers the knowledge and skills to operate safely as a hunter in the NZ outdoors and teaches the ethics of fair chase and the principles of managing a sustainable game resource. The course includes training in equipment, clothing, navigation, firearms, hunting techniques, photography, first aid and bushcraft. We need you becoming an instructor through a national training and assessment package so you can learn to run a NZDA HUNTS program using the support provided by our national coordinator and other qualified instructors within NZDA. In return for your hard work and dedication after running five branch courses you will gain a qualification from Whitireia NZ. Those interested in becoming instructors need to turn up 1/2 hour early this coming club night to meet with Bill O'Leary. This is an opportunity to learn to teach others using great support and sponsors.

## Doc & The Ruahines Huts/Tracks-full notes on website

### **A Summary of Recommendations for Comment**

After some post-meeting discussion, the points below may be a way forward, and DOC is keen to discuss these at the next meeting. Your feed back and priorities are still very relevant, but with the focus moving to possibly establishing a Working Group we thought these suggestions could guide our work together:

- \*That DOC seek commitment from those attending the meeting to form a Ruahine Working Group, with the purpose of establishing an ongoing relationship that reflects the valued recreation opportunities in the Park, and the management of the area.
  - \*That the next meeting focuses on establishing the Working Group, and how we work together.
  - \*That Terms of Reference for the Review are revisited, to reflect an ongoing Ruahine Working Group.
  - \*That, if established, the Working Group is based on the following premises:
    - the opportunities provided into the future need to change to meet nationally changing recreation demand by the wider community.
    - achieving DOC's strategic direction of getting more conservation work achieved through engagement and collaboration, and "more people involved in recreation".
    - that hunters and trampers have differing aspirations for managing the network, and there is a wide spectrum of views within each user group.
    - that it is becoming difficult for DOC to sustain the current network at the standards it is currently being maintained at.
  - \*Once the Working Group is established, that the ideas presented by the parties at the last meeting (as to the parts of the network that they most value) are used as a basis for a planning discussion on the future of the network.
  - \*That the Working Group helps develop options for community management.
- Next meeting: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September 7pm DOC office Palmerston North.

*Our thanks to Rob Wallace for attending the meetings and keeping us up to date on this issue!*

## Hastings Prizegiving & PotLuck Dinner

We would like all our members to come along on Saturday night **22nd September** for our clubs annual dinner and prizegiving. It will be held at our clubrooms at 1534 Maraekakaho Road, Hastings. Gates will open at 5.00pm and the cash bar will be operated at our usual prices. Dinner will be held at 6.30pm, followed by the main event, our prizegiving function. As the title suggests it is a potluck menu so bring along a tasty plate or two to share with everyone. James will probably give everyone a few ideas at club night so we don't all bring along the same thing. It will be great for as many people as possible to attend so pencil it in your diaries now.



**On Our Notice Board  
& Website Blog at**  
[www.nzdahastings.org.nz](http://www.nzdahastings.org.nz)

**Roydhouse Pest Control**  
Notice of Feratox poison program in the Kaweka Forest on Napier/Taihape Rd from 1/10/11 - 30/9/12

**EPRO - 1080 DROP IN THE MAKARORO-NGARURORO AREA**  
From June 18 until complete.

**NZDA NATIONAL NEWS**  
Heli-hunting correspondence with submissions due and letters from Peter Dunne regarding Game Animal Council and its updates.

**NZDA CONFERENCE - COMP. RESULTS /SPEECHES**  
Conference Competition Results, speeches, remits & motions are posted on the national website:  
[www.deerstalkers.org.nz](http://www.deerstalkers.org.nz)

**RECREATIONAL HUNTING AREAS – RHA Presentation**  
by Barry Insull at the NZDA Conference in Masterton 2012.

**RUAHINES HUTS & TRACKS**  
Recent meeting notes on plans for DOC to no longer keep certain tracks and huts upkeep and for local users to do this and also latest meeting updates.

### **New Members**

This month we welcome a new senior member and his family:

**Jason Crowe  
& his two sons  
Oliver and Henry**

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### **Projects Fundraising**

As well as the ongoing firewood fundraiser we need other functional and feasible ideas for the club to undertake in order to support future endeavours and projects. If you have any good ideas bring them along to committee or email them through. All ideas will be considered!!

We will be having another firewood bee at Steve's workshop again this year. This wood can then be ready to sell next year. For the efforts this year which was half way through winter we made just short of \$1000 for the kitty which is pretty good going. We still have dry wood to sell now if you or someone you know needs any! We'll let you know when we will be doing the wood.

### **Firewood Prices**

(Pick Up Only)

**We still have the following**  
-Macrocarpa, Cypress  
\$65 per bin

**Phone Lynne 06 8775275  
to order and organise pick-up**

### **'Just Kidding'**

#### **Wife's Diary:**

He was acting weird tonight. Conversation wasn't flowing and he hardly said anything. When asked what was wrong he said nothing and that I shouldn't worry as it had nothing to do with me. Was he upset that I was a bit late for our evening meal as I had been with my friends all day. He was distant and watched TV in silence. He continued to seem distant and absent minded. He came to bed 15 minutes after me and I felt he was still distracted. He fell asleep and I cried. Are his thoughts with someone else? My life feels like a disaster.....

#### **Husband's Diary:**

Boat won't start, can't figure it out!



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It had been some time since I had been into the Boyd. The last time was during a forest fire with DOC. My friend Ian who commutes between Foxton Beach and Perth had never hunted Sika so came along with Rex Clapperton and I.

Brian Salisbury, our pilot and owner of a Cessna 206 took off from bridge Pa with us and gear on board for an smooth flight up the Ngaruroro to the Boyd airstrip.

We lugged all our gear up to the hut, set up the Mountain radio and went for an evening wander.

There was a group of hunters in the hut when we arrived but they were heading out the next day. One of them was an elderly character by the name of Wayne Mallory who was a very good cartoon drawer. If you told him a story he could draw a picture for you. He later sent me a collection of his drawings and stories which I treasure. The next day was foggy as we wandered our separate ways. Rex had headed off towards the Oamaru and bowled a deer on a hillside near the track so we had some camp meat.

I calculated mathematically that if someone sat there long enough with bino's on the open tussock a deer would be sighted. One evening I had gone over to the Oamaru track where Rex had shot his deer. We had hand held radios between us and Ian called me from a spot I had glassed from in the morning and said "You're not going to believe this but I can see an 8point Jap stag, but not only that, there are 3 other animals with it". I replied, "Is it between you and me?" "No!" he said. "Then Shoot it!". "But it's 600metres away on the other side". "Then crawl down the valley and shoot it". "I'll wait till the morning". "It won't be there in the morning, go after it and take closer look and shoot it". He got to within 120metres of it, had a staring match with it, eventually spooked it and it took off. Ian was ecstatic though that he had seen the 8pointer and other animals first time in Sika country – beginners luck. The rest of the trip was uneventful until we were waiting on the airstrip for Brian. Rex was waving the video camera around and narrating, "This is the hut, this is the big rock, this is the surrounding countryside, the airstrip, the river and SHIT an 8 point Jap stag just over the side". "Quick grab the rifles". Ian and I loaded up and Rex lined up the camera. We fired simultaneously but Rex stuffed up the recording. Distance measured later it was only 73metres away. When Brian turned up we were ecstatic we had an 8pointer to load out. It was a hairy ride out with 50 knot westerleys and killer rotor cloud about. We landed safely after what turned out to be a great hunting trip.



### **Committee Officers**

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